

NEWS

JESUITS IN VIETNAM RESPOND TO THE CHAOS LEFT FROM THREE TYPHOONS

Jesuits in Central Vietnam are responding to a flood crisis, where 84 people are confirmed dead and another 34 are missing, following the country's third typhoon in the month of October. Please click on the link to [read more or donate to Jesuit Mission](#).

NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROHIBITION EFFECTIVE 2021

The Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons received its 50th state ratification which means it will come into effect on 22nd January 2021, effectively banning nuclear weapons under international law. Read more on the [ICAN website](#).

VINNIES NSW DELIVERED SOCIAL HOUSING PETITION TO NSW PARLIAMENT

Vinnies NSW delivered its social housing petition on 21 October which means the issue will be debated in the NSW Parliament. The petition calls on the NSW Government to build an additional 5,000 social housing properties each year for the next decade to meet the needs of the current social housing waitlist. Read more on the [NSW Vinnies website](#).

SMALL BUT CONCRETE STEPS AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THE VATICAN

Pope Francis says there are more changes on the horizon as the Vatican continues to combat financial corruption inside its walls, but he is cautious about success, stating that he is trying to counter corruption with "small, but concrete steps." Read more on the [Catholic News Agency website](#).

16-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Each year ACRATH participates in the 16 Days Campaign to end gender-based violence. The United Nations 16 days of activism against gender-based violence begins on 25 November - *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women* and ends on 10 December - *Human Rights Day*.

- 2 December 2020: [Looking into Australia's Slavery Past ACRATH webinar](#)
- 10 December 2020: [ACRATH prayer and reflection](#)

HOW MERCY HEALTH CONFRONTED THE CRISIS HEAD-ON

A good news story on how Mercy Health managed extreme challenges such as COVID and the Royal Commission into Aged Care with good governance and culture. Read the article on [AICD website](#).

JRS REFUGEE FOODBANK REACHES A MILESTONE

COVID-19 safe Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Foodbank was able to feed around 900 people per week during October. If you would like to support JRS' COVID-19 Spring Appeal 2020, please [click here](#).

WEBINARS/EVENTS

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Dr Celia Deane-Drummond (*Laudato Si'* Institute, Oxford) and Fr Peter Smith (Archdiocese of Sydney), discuss the successes, challenges, and possibilities of Catholic responses to the climate crisis. Please download the [flyer](#) for more details.

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2020
Time: 5.00pm — 6.00pm
Register: please register by emailing: ies@nd.edu.au

ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH - SERVING COMMUNITIES WITH COURAGE AND COMPASSION

Find out more about the book, [Serving our Communities with Courage and Compassion](#), Edited by Gabrielle McMullen, Patrice Scales and Denis Fitzgerald.

Date: Wednesday 11th November 2020
Time: 2.00pm — 3.00pm
Register: COB, Monday 9th November [via Trybooking](#)

MISSION CONFERENCE: ONE HEART MANY VOICES - *Save the date!*

Date: 1-3 September 2021, Sydney, [download the flyer](#).

RESOURCES

ORDERS FOR THE LCWR OCCASIONAL PAPER ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

The (US) Winter 2021 issue of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious Occasional Papers, entitled *God's Infinite Vision*, explores how we might look upon this time of upheaval in society as a moment for transformation. A highlight of this issue is an interview with theologian Douglas Christie, author of *The Blue Sapphire of the Mind: Notes for a Contemplative Ecology*.

- Hard copy cost: \$20.00 each, including postage and handling. Please download the [order form](#), and return it to events@catholicreligious.org.au no later than Tuesday, 8 December 2020; or
- Digital copy: [subscribe](#) to the *Occasional Papers* at a cost of US \$15.00 p.a.

POWERFUL MIDNIGHT OIL TRACK COMES STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Five Indigenous leaders read the Uluru Statement from the Heart on the album's final track, view it on the [Sydney Morning Herald website](#).

HELP US DEVELOP A HEALTH AND WELL-BEING RESOURCE KIT FOR YOU

The CRA Health and Well-being Committee is interested in developing a resource kit to enhance the health and well-being of our members and those we live and associate with, in our congregations and in our local communities. Carmel Warnock would welcome your feedback and be interested to know what you do already, whether it's spiritual exercise, flower arranging or sharing of a simple meal on a regular basis. Please contact Carmel with any ideas, by email cpc@catholicreligious.org.au.

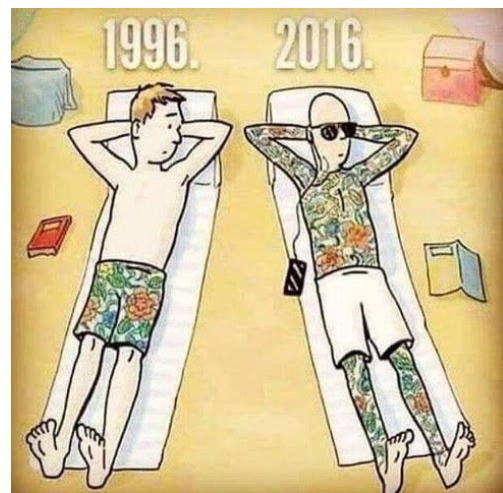
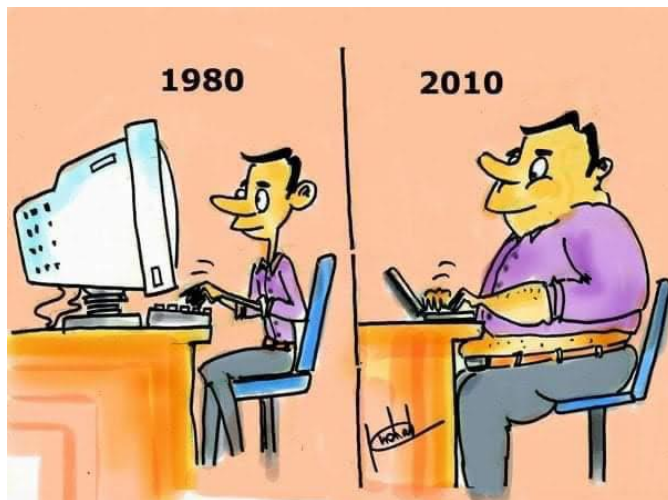
NEW BOOK: *MY CRY IS TO ALL THAT LIVE*

Mary Burke FMM takes stories from the Gospels, drawing on scriptural and theological scholarship, iconography, and the experiences of women and Earth, to look at some of the foundational stories of the Christian tradition. [Read more about the book or purchase it here.](#)

FILM AND BOOK REVIEWS

- **Francesco the film: 'The path is opened by walking'** – read it on [Eureka Street](#)
- **Including women in the Catholic Church** is about Phyllis Zagano's latest book *Women: Icons of Christ* – read it on [Eureka Street](#)

LAUGHTER THERAPY



I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 4 metres through shag pile carpet to change the TV channel.